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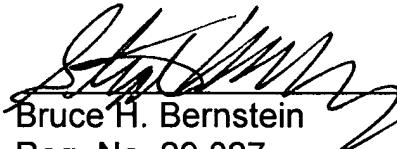
Entry of the foregoing amendment is requested prior to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendment does not add new matter to the present application.

By the current amendment, Applicants correct an error in paragraph [0006] of the specification. Applicants submit that JP-A-10-547744 was improperly referred to in the specification, but was made of record in the present application in the submission of the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 13, 2006. Applicants further submit that a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed on even date herewith making JP 2001-31484A of record.

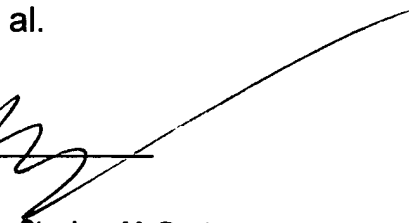
The amendments made herein have not been made to overcome the prior art, and thus, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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